



# Beths Grammar School

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## Week Ending Friday 6 September 2019

### A Message from the Mr Blyghton, Headteacher

I would like to extend a warm welcome to all students new to the school and those who are returning. I hope you had a restful summer break and are now ready to study hard to achieve your dreams.

This term has started well and we have welcomed over 500 new students to the school – predominantly into both Year 7 and 12. Over the page you will see a number of photos taken in and around the school during the first couple of days back this week.



We have many events coming up this term with two days of 11+ testing next week, which is followed on the Thursday by our Presentation Evening for students in Year 10 and above. The following week we have an evening to welcome parents of our Year 12 students to the school and this will be followed by an evening where we welcome parents of our new Year 7 students.

October sees our open events – three mornings during the school day – and, new this year, a Saturday morning open event on 12 October. This replaces our evening event and, as it will take place during daylight, we hope it will give our visitors a chance to see the school – and our extensive grounds – better. Of course, details of all the events taking place will be sent out nearer the time.

Additionally, you may have seen that we are advertising at Sainsburys in Crayford, on local South Eastern trains and towards the end of September, you should start to see our bus advertising as you follow buses around the local area.

So, I wish you a relaxing weekend and look forward to seeing your son or daughter back at Beths on Monday.

RJBlyghton





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### **Christmas Fair December 2019**

This year we are delighted to announce that we will be hosting our first ever Christmas Fair on Saturday 7 December. Further details about the event will be announced in the coming months. If you/family members sell artisan products/bake cakes etc, please let us know if you would like a table at the event. Please contact Ms George on [msgeorge@beths.bexley.sch.uk](mailto:msgeorge@beths.bexley.sch.uk).



## **Message from the Parents Association**

There is a really easy way for you to raise funds for your school. Each time you go online to shop, do it via Easyfundraising by going to [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) or using the Easyfundraising App. After setting up your account you can nominate a charity of your choice: we are "Beths Grammar School Parents' Association - Bexley".

Check if the retailer you are shopping with is signed up to the scheme by searching for their name, and if they are, your shopping will trigger a donation straight to our school charity. That's it - simple! You will receive a donation confirmation a few days after making your purchase.

**Note that for Amazon** shopping we are in the process of setting up our "AmazonSmile" account. Once it is live we will let you know and you will be able to raise even more funds every time you shop on Amazon. We expect this to be live before the end of half term and so will keep you updated.

In the meantime, the first meeting of the Parents' Association for the new school year is on Tuesday 17 September at 7.30pm in room P3 and we would love to see you there.

## **Pupil Premium and Free School Meals**

If your child is eligible for free school meals, he/she not only has the opportunity to enjoy a free healthy meal each day but, (for students in Years 7 – 11) the school will also receive additional funding to support his academic progress. If you think you may be entitled please click on the following link for more information: <https://www.bexley.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/free-school-meals>.

## **Emailing the School**

Should you need to email the school with items/concerns of a more 'sensitive' nature, please email [headsqa@beths.bexley.sch.uk](mailto:headsqa@beths.bexley.sch.uk) rather than the generic admin email address.

## **Student Features**

Are you an avid writer or enjoying reporting or reviewing things? Have you read a good book or seen a great film lately?



Let us know! We love receiving articles for the blog, especially from students. This is a great opportunity for any one with an interest in journalism.

Please email [msgeorge@beths.bexley.sch.uk](mailto:msgeorge@beths.bexley.sch.uk) and you could see your feature in the blog!





## Fixtures

FOOTBALL			
12.09.2019	ESFA Elite	U16A v St Bonaventure's School	Away
	N Kent	U14A v Harris, Falconwood	Home
RUGBY			
12.09.2019	Kent Shield	U15A v Bennett Memorial School	Home

## Up and Coming Events

10 and 11 September	11+ Testing
12 September	Presentation Evening for invited students from Year 10 and above
13 September	School photos for students in Years 7, 9, 10 and 12
19 September	Welcome to the Sixth Form for parents of Year 12 students
26 September	Welcome to Beths for parents of Year 7 students
30 September	Language and Culture Week
9 October	9.15-11.15am Open Morning for Year 7 entry September 2020
12 October	9.15-11.15am Saturday Open Morning for Year 7 entry September 2020
15 October	9.15-11.15am Open Morning for Year 7 entry September 2020
18 October	End of first half of Autumn Term

## Students on Site

We know that students love to spend as much time as they possibly can here at Beths Grammar. However, please can we remind parents and carers that the school actually opens to students at 8.00am in the morning and, unless there are any pre-arranged activities, students should have left the site by 5.00pm. The reason for this is that, even though there may be staff on site, they are there to either prepare the school for the start of the day, or remain on site to deal with evening lettings.

When students are on site before or after they should be, we are unable to ensure their safety especially as our qualified first aiders are in school between the hours of 8.00am and 4.30pm only. This request is being made as we are unable to supervise students outside of these times and we can therefore take no responsibility for them, should they be involved in any form of accident.





## **Thinking of our neighbours and our local community**

We would like to take this opportunity to remind parents, students and staff to continue to be respectful of our neighbours and not to park across their driveways. The safety of our students continues to be our utmost priority and so we also ask that, if you are dropping off or collecting your son or daughter, you abide by the road markings and refrain from parking on zig-zags or double yellow lines.

We are also aware that some parents drop students in the morning actually on the roundabout at the top of Bourne Road – close to Dartfordians. This is extremely dangerous - not just for other road users - but also for the students themselves. We would urge that parents please find a safe place to drop-off their child/children for school.

Finally, we continue to remind students to take care when queuing for buses after the school day and would ask if you could also remind your son or daughter, that would be very helpful.